

SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION OF THE RELEVANT ENERGY LEVELS OF ERBIUM IONS

FIG. 1

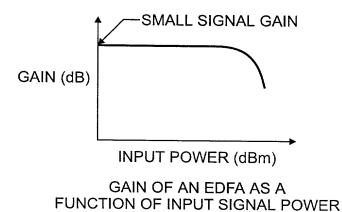
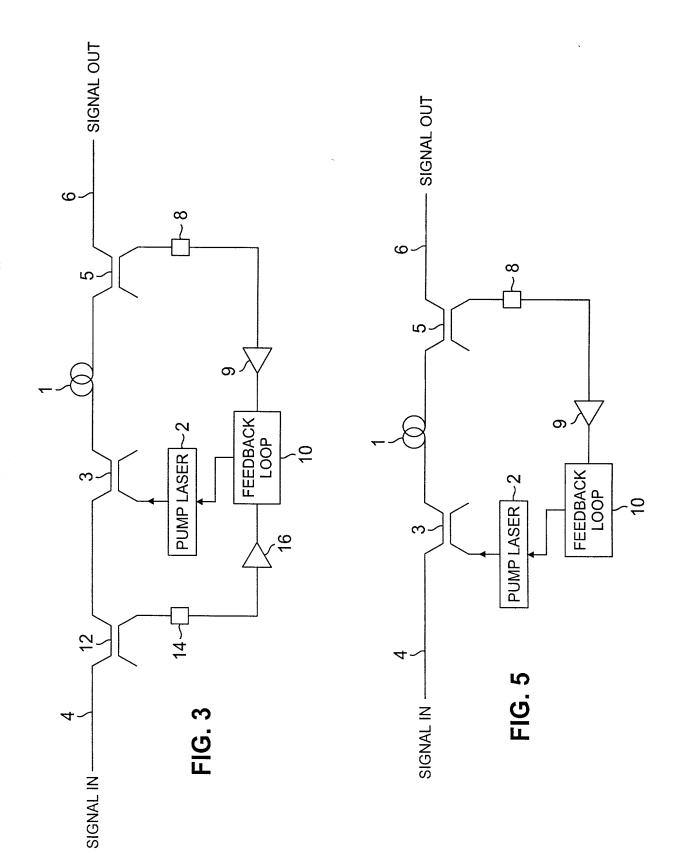
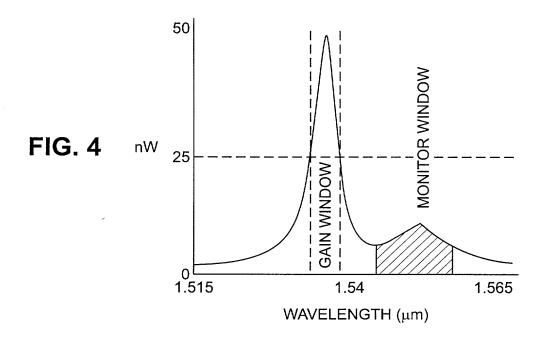
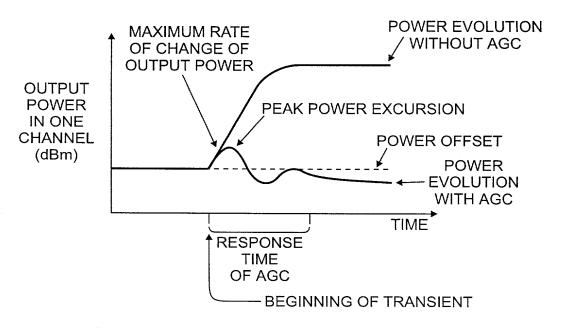


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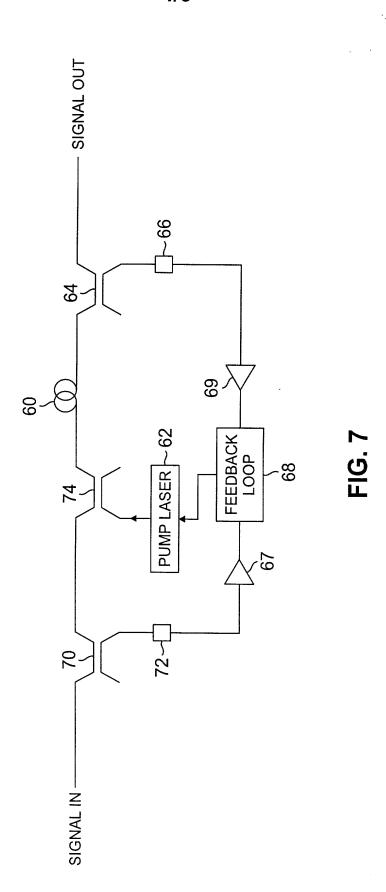






SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE OUTPUT POWER OF ONE CHANNEL FROM A TYPICAL EDFA OPERATING UDER AGC

FIG. 6



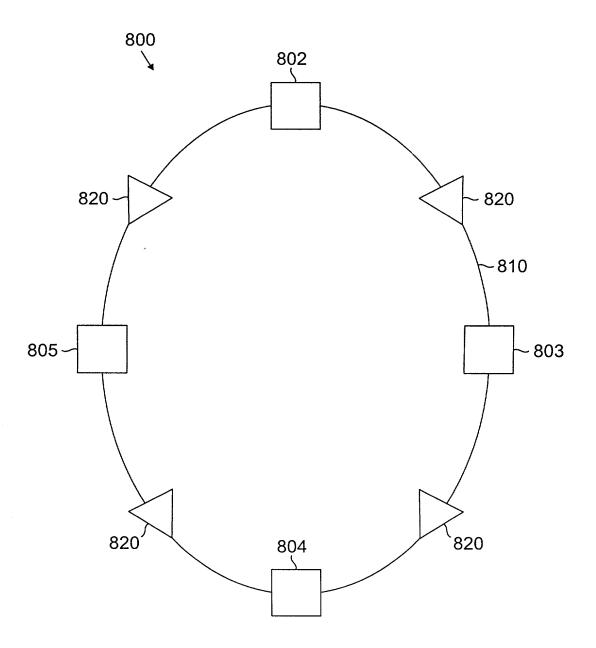


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